

AGENDA

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • Room 445 State Capitol

Approximate
Time Frame

9:00

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the August 19, 2009 meeting

2. Annual Reports

As required by law, the Committee will hear reports on: 1) the Permanent State School Fund, and 2) strategies to recruit and retain qualified teachers in the state.

9:05

A. State School Fund

- Richard Ellis, Utah State Treasurer

9:10

B. Teacher Quality

- Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Educator Quality and Licensing Director, Utah State Office of Education
- Dr. Phyllis "Teddy" Safman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Utah System of Higher Education

9:15

3. Utah Performance Assessment System for Students (U-PASS)

The Legislature authorized a pilot program of an assessment system incorporating online adaptive testing, online writing assessments, and college readiness assessments in certain grades. The Committee will hear a report on this program and also receive recommendations on the state's assessment system, U-PASS.

- Dr. Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

10:45

4. School Based Funding and Management

Some school districts have implemented varying degrees of decentralization of budgetary and management decisions by shifting greater authority to the school level. The Committee will hear results from a research study conducted on these approaches and will also hear from a school district that allocates money to schools based on a weighted student formula and gives schools budgetary authority over the money allocated.

- Dr. Paul Koehler, Policy Center Director, WestEd
- Nancy Waymack, Director of Policy, San Francisco Unified School District

11:45

5. Criminal Background Check Procedures for School Personnel

The Committee will receive an update on the collaborative effort of the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Safety to address the issue of criminal background checks for employees.

- Dr. Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Alice Erickson, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Criminal Identification
- Nicole Shepherd, Manager, Bureau of Criminal Identification

12:00

6. Other Items / Adjourn